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SUBJ: SHAIKH ZAYID'S VISIT TO PARIS

1. UAE AMBASSADOR TO LONDON AND PARIS TAJIR, WHOM I SAW AT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NEW DUBAI OIL AGREEMENT, TOLD ME THAT SHAIKH ZAYID'S VISIT

TO PARIS HAD NOT BEEN ALL ROSES. ACCORDING TO TAJIR, FRENCH TURNED UAE DELEGATION OFF BY PRESSING THEIR ARAB SYMPATHIZERS TO THE HILT AND THEN TRYING TO CASH IN COMMERCIALY. GOF TRIED TO PERSUADE UAE TO SHIFT ITS SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS FROM LONDON TO PARIS BANKS, AND TO AGREE TO BUY FRENCH ON WHOLE LIST OF ITEMS FROM COLOR TV TO NUCLEAR REACTORS, VERY LITTLE OF WHICH UAE NEEDS IN TAJIR'S OPINION. WHEN UAE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY HAMDAN SAID NO TO MOST OF THESE PROPOSALS, SHAIKH ZAYID REPROVED HIM FOR BEING SO BLUNT SAYING AT LEAST LET THEM SEND SOME STUDY MISSIONS TO ABU DHABI. TAJIR SAID THERE HAD ALSO BEEN DISAGREEMENT OVER WORDING OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON MIDDLE EAST. WHILE SPEAKING PRIVATELY OF HOW MUCH GOF SUPPORTED

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PALESTINIAN CAUSE, FRENCH WERE CHARY ABOUT ANYTHING VERY STRONG

APPEARING IN COMMUNIQUE, SAYING THIS WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH FRENCH JEWISH COMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO TAJIR BECAUSE OF THESE AND OTHER DIFFERENCES NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED.

2. TAJIR, WHO IS STRONG ANGLOPHILE IN ANY EVENT, SEEMED PARTICULARLY SORE AT FRENCH PERFORMANCE ON THIS OCCASION. HIS FINAL COMMENT WAS: "WE DON'T AGREE WITH US MIDDLE EAST POLICY BUT AT LEAST WE KNOW WHERE YOU STAND. FRENCH ARE A LOT OF HYPOCRITES."
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